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BUREAU OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

CALENDAR YEAR 2009 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT  
CERTIFICATION FORM

Greenwood Utilities Commission

Public Water Supply Name

PWS ID # 042001

List PWS ID #s for all Water Systems Covered by this CCR

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires each **community** public water system to develop and distribute a consumer confidence report (CCR) to its customers each year. Depending on the population served by the public water system, this CCR must be mailed to the customers, published in a newspaper of local circulation, or provided to the customers upon request.

**Please Answer the Following Questions Regarding the Consumer Confidence Report**

☒ Customers were informed of availability of CCR by: (*Attach copy of publication, water bill or other*)

- ☐ Advertisement in local paper  
☒ On water bills (Enclosed with Water Bills)  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date customers were informed: 06/24 /2011

☐ CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery. Specify other direct delivery methods:

Date Mailed/Distributed:     /     /    

☐ CCR was published in local newspaper. (*Attach copy of published CCR or proof of publication*)

Name of Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Published:     /     /    

☒ CCR was posted in public places. (*Attach list of locations*)  
Date Posted: 06/24/ 2011

Posted in lobby of General Office  
101 Wright Place  
Greenwood, MS 38930

☒ CCR was posted on a publicly accessible internet site at www.greenwoodutilities.com

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a consumer confidence report (CCR) has been distributed to the customers of this public water system in the form and manner identified above. I further certify that the information included in this CCR is true and correct and is consistent with the water quality monitoring data provided to the public water system officials by the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title (President, Mayor, Owner, etc.)

June 27, 2011  
Date

Mail Completed Form to: Bureau of Public Water Supply/P.O. Box 1700/Jackson, MS 39215  
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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant

goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from seven wells pumping from the Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. The general susceptibility rankings assigned to each well of this system are provided in *Figure 1* immediately below. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request.

**Figure 1**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Well #2 | 420001-05 moderate susceptibility to contamination |
| Well #3 | 420001-06 moderate susceptibility to contamination |
| Well #4 | 420001-07 moderate susceptibility to contamination |
| Well #5 | 420001-10 moderate susceptibility to contamination |
| Well #6 | 420001-11 moderate susceptibility to contamination |
| Well #7 | 420001-12 moderate susceptibility to contamination |
| Well #8 | 420001-13 moderate susceptibility to contamination |

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jamie Stowers at 662-453-7234. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM at 101 Wright Place, Greenwood.

Greenwood Utilities routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. Figure 2 shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2010. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or

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contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain

at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Greenwood Utilities works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

## Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies

To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies," the City of Greenwood is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year that average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 0.7-1.3 ppm was 0. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that was within the optimal range of 0.7-1.3 ppm was 0%.

## Monitoring and Reporting of Compliance Data Violations

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. We did not monitor or test for bacteriological contaminants properly.

During June 2010, we were required to take 20 routine samples but only received credit for 19 samples due to clerical error.

During September 2010, we were required to take 3 source water samples, but only took/received credit for 0 samples due to clerical error.

## A MESSAGE FROM MSDH CONCERNING RADIOLOGICAL SAMPLING

In accordance with the Radionuclides Rule, all community public water supplies were required to sample quarterly for radionuclides beginning January 2007-December 2007. Your public water supply completed sampling by the schedule deadline; however, during an audit of the Mississippi State Department of Health Radiological Laboratory, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suspended analyses and reporting of radiological compliance samples and results until further notice. Although this was not the result of inaction by the public water supply, MSDH was required to issue a violation. The Bureau of Public Water Supply is taking action to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Parker, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Water Supply, at 601-576-7518.

### Additional Information for Lead:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Greenwood Utilities is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

| Contaminant | MCLG<br>or<br>MRDLG | MCL<br>or<br>MRDL | Year<br>Tested | Range<br>Low   High | Sample<br>Date | Treatment | Typical Source |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|

#### Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products

(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)

|                                      |   |   |      |      |      |      |    |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|------|------|------|------|----|---|
| Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm) | 4 | 4 | 0.19 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 2010 | NO | Water additive used to control microbes |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|------|------|------|------|----|---|

#### Inorganic Contaminants

|                |     |     |              |              |              |      |    |   |
|----------------|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|----|---|
| Barium (ppm)   | 2   | 2   | 0.00352<br>6 | 0.003<br>526 | 0.0082<br>86 | 2010 | NO | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits                                |
| Chromium (ppb) | 100 | 100 | 9.876        | 1.153        | 9.876        | 2010 | NO | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits  |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 4   | 4   | 0.171        | 0.113        | 0.213        | 2010 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |

| Contaminant | MCLG<br>or<br>MRDLG | AL | Year<br>Tested | Sample<br>Date | # Samples<br>Exceeding AL | Exceeds<br>AL | Typical Source |
|-------------|---------------------|----|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|-------------|---------------------|----|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|

#### Inorganic Contaminants

|  |     |     |     |      |   |    |  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|------|---|----|--|
| Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm) | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 2010 | 0 | NO | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Lead - action levels at consumer taps (ppb)  | 0   | 15  | 2   | 2010 | 0 | NO | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

#### Unit Descriptions

| TERM | DEFINITION   |
|------|--|
| ppm  | ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L) |
| ppb  | ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L) |
| NA   | NA: Not applicable                                     |
| ND   | ND: Not detected                                       |
| NR   | NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended           |

#### Important Drinking Water Definitions

| TERM                     | DEFINITION  |
|--------------------------|---|
| MCLG                     | MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for margin of safety.  |
| MCL                      | MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.   |
| TT                       | TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  |
| AL                       | AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.   |
| Variances and Exemptions | Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.   |
| MRDLG                    | MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. |
| MRDL                     | MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.                              |
| MNR                      | MNR: Monitored Not Regulated  |
| MPL                      | MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level   |

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